

STATE OF TASMANIA.

MONTHLY STATISTICS - FEBRUARY-MARCH, 1940.

RAILWAYS.

| | | 1939 | 1939 | 1940 | 1940 |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | | February. | December. | January. | February. |
| Gross Revenue | £ | 43,827 | 51,275 | 46,844 | 48,779 |
| Working Costs, excl. Interest | £ | 44,557 | 49,244 | 49,741 | 46,899 |
| Train Miles run (incl. Rail Motor) No. | | 155,136 | 173,795 | 182,032 | 175,739 |
| Passenger Journeys | " | 182,184 | 235,982 | 222,159 | 192,521 |
| Goods and Live Stock | Tons. | 75,361 | 70,250 | 72,385 | 83,953 |

ELECTRIC POWER - Units generated by -

| | 1939 | 1940 | 1940 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| | March. | February. | March. |
| Hydro-Electric Department | 44,267,400 | 42,895,800 | 46,305,900 |
| Mt. Lyell Mining & Railway Co.) | | | |
| Launceston City Council) | | | |
| Pioneer Tin Mining Co.) | | | |
| Small, Plants, estimated) | 5,226,715 | 5,957,711 | 5,732,278 |
| Total Units | 49,494,115 | 48,853,511 | 52,038,178 |
| Units supplied to Hobart Metropolitan area: | 28,586,733 | 28,092,900 | 30,753,500 |
| " " " Launceston & Suburbs | 2,074,135 | 2,118,580 | 2,189,996 |

EMPLOYMENT - Private.

| | 1939 | 1940 | 1940 | 1940 |
|--|--------|----------|-----------|--------|
| | March. | January. | February. | March. |
| 50 Factories | 9,411 | 9,460 | 9,874 | 9,882 |
| 14 Retail, etc. | 970 | 1,058 | 1,019 | 1,011 |
| 10 Miscellaneous, incl. Banks, Insurance, Motor Oils, Private Railways, etc. | 1,017 | 1,105 | 1,088 | 1,097 |
| | 11,398 | 11,623 | 11,981 | 11,990 |

REAL ESTATE STATISTICS.

| | 1939 | 1940 | 1940 | 1940 |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|
| | March. | January. | February. | March. |
| Real Property Act. | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Value of Land Transfers | 133,053 | 85,813 | 69,064 | 73,621 |
| " " Mortgages registered | 92,225 | 72,715 | 65,954 | 50,950 |
| " " " discharged | 52,343 | 39,353 | 36,764 | 31,733 |
| " " " partially discharged | 5,963 | 1,517 | 2,115 | 580 |
| Registration under Deeds Act. | | | | |
| Value of Conveyances | 150,881 | 57,645 | 60,305 | 64,833 |
| " " Mortgages | 104,520 | 39,050 | 42,887 | 49,201 |
| " " Reconveyances | 50,940 | 23,632 | 32,763 | 23,673 |

FINANCE. March 1939 and 1940.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

| Receipts. | | Payments. | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| March. | 9 Months. | March. | 9 Months. |
| 1939. | 1940. | 1939. | 1940. |
| £360,765 | £423,489 | £2,359,369 | £2,035,467 |
| | | £208,461 | £198,989 |
| | | £2,502,106 | £2,020,949 |
| Excess of Payments over Receipts | | 9 Months 1938-39 .. | £142,737 |
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BUTTER PRODUCTION. (Factory)

| | 1939 | 1939 | 1939 | 1940 | 1940 |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | February. | November. | December. | January. | February. |
| Butter 1b. | 677,861 | 1,518,577 | 1,603,656 | 1,475,598 | 987,323 |

MOTOR REGISTRATIONS - March, 1940.

No. on Register at 1.3.40.

Lapsed Registrations

| | <u>Lorries, Trucks, &c.</u> | <u>Motor Cycles.</u> | <u>Cars & Other Vehicles.</u> |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 5,140 | 3,516 | 17,815 |
| | 490 | 349 | 1,586 |
| | 4,650 | 3,167 | 16,229 |

Registrations - March, 1940.

New Vehicles

Used Vehicles

| | | |
|-----|-----|-------|
| 45 | 9 | 104 |
| 385 | 290 | 1,279 |

No. on Register end March, 1940:

| | | |
|-------|-------|--------|
| 5,080 | 3,466 | 17,612 |
| 4,909 | 3,608 | 17,364 |

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

Commonwealth Savings Bank -
Trustee Savings Banks - Hobart, L'ton.

| | <u>1939</u> | <u>1940</u> | <u>1940</u> | <u>1940</u> |
|--|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| | <u>March.</u> | <u>January.</u> | <u>February.</u> | <u>March.</u> |
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Commonwealth Savings Bank - | 2,292,402 | 2,323,682 | 2,336,495 | 2,327,790 |
| Trustee Savings Banks - Hobart, L'ton. | 5,936,402 | 6,243,372 | 6,370,597 | 6,362,213 |
| | 8,228,804 | 8,567,054 | 8,707,092 | 8,690,003 |

BANK CLEARINGS.

| | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Hobart | 3,188,748 | 3,513,019 | 2,657,002 | 3,574,453 |
| Launceston | 1,192,655 | 1,988,051 | 1,117,341 | 1,549,348 |

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

| | <u>Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.</u> | <u>Net Taxable Sales.</u> | <u>Sales Tax Collected.</u> |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| 1939. | | | |
| March | 914,215 | 214,676 | 13,024 |
| November | 786,019 | 225,724 | 15,952 |
| December | 499,271 | 136,302 | 13,176 |
| 1940. | | | |
| January | 955,295 | 272,040 | 18,029 |
| February | 798,524 | 223,504 | 16,731 |
| March | 585,254 | 164,909 | 10,931 |
| 9 months 1939-40 | 6,387,825 | 1,859,236 | 122,028 |
| 9 months 1938-39 | 6,414,153 | 1,952,809 | 96,548 |

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

Cost of Food and Groceries.
(6 Capitals in 1923-1927 as Base = 1000)

| | <u>1939</u> | <u>1940</u> | <u>1940</u> | <u>1940</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| | <u>March.</u> | <u>January.</u> | <u>February.</u> | <u>March.</u> |
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Hobart | 920 | 913 | 924 | 918 |
| Launceston | 912 | 897 | 910 | 913 |
| Burnie | 935 | 924 | 930 | 935 |
| Devonport | 925 | 924 | 927 | 934 |
| Queenstown | 1020 | 1003 | 1007 | 1018 |
| Weighted Average, Tasmania: | 922 | 912 | 923 | 921 |
| Rosebery | 1014 | 1039 | 1053 | 1057 |

"C" Series - "All Items".

(6 Capitals in 1923-1927 as Base = 1000 = 81/-)

| | <u>1939.</u> | <u>1940.</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>1st. Quarter.</u> | <u>4th. Quarter.</u> | <u>1st. Quarter.</u> |
| | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| Hobart | 901 | 919 | 918 |
| Launceston | 883 | 895 | 898 |
| Burnie | 872 | 889 | 890 |
| Devonport | 855 | 867 | 869 |
| Queenstown | 898 | 908 | 914 |
| Weighted Average 5 Towns, Tasmania: | 892 | 908 | 909 |
| " " 4 Country Towns: | 880 | 892 | 895 |

POPULATION &c. TASMANIA.

| | | <u>Males.</u> | <u>Females.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|--|----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | 31.12.39 | 121,965 | 119,611 | 241,576 |
| | 31.12.38 | 122,098 | 119,309 | 241,407 |

4th. Quarter, 1939.
Natural Increase.

| | | <u>Over Sea.</u> | <u>Inter- state.</u> | <u>Air.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|--------------------|-----|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Births | No. | 1,224 | Arrivals | 7 | 1,862 |
| Deaths | No. | 554 | Departures | 2 | 1,540 |
| | | | | | 14,350 |
| Natural Increase | 670 | | Excess of Arrivals: | 5 | 3,704 |
| 4th. Quarter, 1938 | 679 | | do. | 15 | 6,020 |
| | | | | | 322 |
| | | | | | 4,031 |
| | | | | | 386 |
| | | | | | 6,421 |

TRADE.

| <u>OVERSEA.</u> | <u>1939</u> | <u>1940</u> | <u>Nine Months.</u> | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| | <u>March.</u> | <u>March.</u> | <u>1938-39.</u> | <u>1939-40.</u> |
| Imports (a) | 98,692 | 82,476 | 937,712 | 820,818 |
| Exports | 495,199 | 189,993 | 2,243,554 | 1,598,151 |

HOBART BUILDING PERMITS.

| | New Buildings for Habitation. | | New Buildings for Other Purposes. | | Alterations & Additions. | | Totals. | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | Permits No. | Contract Price. | Permits No. | Contract Price. | Permits No. | Contract Price. | Permits No. | Contract Price. |
| Month 1940. | | £ | | £ | | £ | | £ |
| April | 25 | 25,143 | 1 | 550 | 16 | 7,239 | 42 | 32,932 |
| 1939. | | | | | | | | |
| April | 11 | 10,452 | 3 | 2,833 | 20 | 3,028 | 34 | 16,313 |

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